

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMSLISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-4. (Canceled)

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) A software program rights management system for managing rights to access a software program provided to a user, comprising:

access authorization issuing means for issuing a user's access authorization data and for storing said user's access authorization data in a license database;

storage management means including a software program storage medium including a recordable portion for storing said software program provided to said user and for storing said user's access authorization data; and

data communication means for ~~binding~~ connecting said access authorization issuing means with said storage management means, wherein when said software program storage medium is transferred from said user to an other user having an other user's access authorization data and a predetermined payment is made, said user's access authorization data is rewritten with said other user's

access authorization data in said license database and in said software program storage medium.

Claims 6-7 (Canceled).

Claim 8. (Previously Presented) The software program rights management system according to claim 5, wherein said user's access authorization data includes user information for specifying a user and said user's access environment; and payment information related to payment of fees to a holder of rights in the software program.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A management method for managing rights to use a software program provided to a user, comprising the steps of:

~~storing a software program provided to a user; and
storing said user's access authorization data into a recordable portion of a software program storage medium having the recordable portion~~

issuing a user's access authorization data and storing said user's access authorization data in a license database;

storing said software program provided to said user and said user's access authorization data in a recordable portion of a software program storage medium, wherein when said software program

storage medium is transferred from said user to an other user having an other user's access authorization data and a predetermined payment is made, said user's access authorization data is rewritten with said other user's access authorization data in said license database and in said software program storage medium.

Claim 10. (Canceled)

Claim 11. (Previously Presented) The method for software program access management according to claim 9, wherein said user access authorization data includes user information for specifying a user and said user access environment and payment information related to payment of fees to a holder of rights in the software program.

Claim 12. (New) The software program rights management system according to claim 5, wherein said user's access authorization data is erased from said software program storage medium upon a request from said user.

Claim 13. (New) The method for software program access management according to claim 9, wherein said user's access

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authorization data is erased from said software program storage medium upon a request from said user.